Railway Advertisements are not released through DAVP. Railway advertisements are released directly. The details of the total amount spent by the Railways for the periods 1992-93 and 1993-94 languagewise and zonewise are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 171, Annexure 49]

Independent Suburbans Railway Transport Department

3013. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed in principle to have an independent Suburbans Railways Transport Department; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Merging Kolhapur in Central Railway

3014. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a constant demand for annexing Kolhapur to Central Railway;

(b) whether it is also a fact that though the starting point for Mumbai trains is Kolhapur, still very few seats and berths are made available for Kolhapur commuters; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) The Railways have, from time to time, received suggestions regarding the transfer of Pune-Kolhapur section from South-Central Railway to Central Railway.

(b) and (c) The following quotas are available in trains originating from Kolhapur for Bombay:—

Train No.	Class					
	AC 2T	FC	AC Chair	SL Class	Second Seat	%
7304 Sahyadri	—	5	—	64	—	
Express	—	—	19	—	8	
7308 Koyna	13	10	—	247	—	
Express						
7312 Mahalaxmi						
Express						

These quotas are reviewed periodically and adjustments made wherever found feasible and justified. As regards transfer of Pune-Kolhapur section from South Central to Central Railway, the same is under study and examination.

Child begging on Railway Stations

3015. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Govenment have made any assessment of the growing child begging problem on the various sections of the Railways on the Railway Stations and in the running trains;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any special squad has been deployed by Government to check child begging on the stations and in the running trains;